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> PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

Sir:

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Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by ONE (1) month. Enclosed is our check No. 7726 which includes the amount of \$110.00 for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

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If this petition is inadequate to avoid abandonment, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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